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Summary
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[1](#)1. (U) A third candidate has emerged for the presidential nomination of Uruguay's ruling Frente Amplio (FA) coalition. Marcos Carambula is May
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[1](#)2. (U) There has been a winnowing in the race for the nomination to represent the ruling Frente Amplio coalition in Uruguay's October 2009 pr

[1](#)3. (U) The contest between Carambula and Martinez was expected to hinge on the amount of support Martinez would receive at the February 7 part
The Socialist Vote: Who Really Lost?
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[1](#)4. (SBU) Absent Martinez, most Socialist delegates pledged to support Astori. The final tally at the party congress was 51 votes for Astori,

[1](#)5. (C) Even more grumpy, though, was Senator and former Foreign Minister Reinaldo Gargano. Gargano, who has long demonstrated unfriendliness
A Forced Unity
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[1](#)6. (U) The three FA hopefuls face the challenge of competing in the June primary without damaging the FA's general election chances by mudslir
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[1](#)7. (U) The Frente Amplio for the first time faces the primary season without a clear frontrunner. We expect a spirited race, with each of the
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